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MR. AND MRS. CHARLES F. THOMPSON. Arrington, Vieginia .

HAS BUILDED WISELY.

Mr. Charles F. Thompson Acquires a Comfortable Fortune Through Industry and Economy.—To Take Unto Himself a Helpmeet.

Mr. Chas. F. Thompson, of this city, will be united in marriage to Mary Antoinette Robertson, Wednesday evening, Dec. 10th, at Lone Cedar, Arrington, Va. Both Mr. Thompson and his bride-elect are natives of this place but have not made their homes here for a number of years.

Mr. Thompson is a young man of extraordinary ability and equipment. He is self-made in the fullest sense of the term. His early training and education was about such as boys in that place received twenty-five years ago. There was plenty of hard work on the farm, while the facilities for education were very meager. Young Thompson left home at the age of seventeen with a determination to buy a home for his mother and father who then had a large family of small children, he being the oldest. The times were so hard that his father moved from farm to farm almost every year renting from tyrant land owners who frequently requested him to move on account of his insistance upon what was due him and his unflinching and determined political aggressiveness during the election time.

Young Thompson came to Graham Bell, the great inventor, in '87 as a man of all work and at very small wages on trial. His services gave such satisfaction that the Bell family had him accompany them to Eastern Canada and the Provinces. In '89 he made a tour with them to Southern Italy via Gibralter, in '91 to France for six months, in '95 to the Hawaiian

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Islands Japan and the East. As the inventor of the Bell telephone and other inventions, Mr. Bell in '98 traveled through Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Holland Berlin and to the Paris Exposition in 1900 and in Sicily in 1901. During this time Mr. Thompson was the valet and looked after the personal comforts of Mr. Bell and his family. At this time he has entire charge of the household. During these years of travel Mr. Thompson practiced every plan of economy and succeeded in buying a comfortable home, with large premises for the old folks. He is still in Mr. Bell's service and is now planning for a home for himself and bride.

Miss Mary Antoinette Robertson, his fiancée, has been equally successful in her calling and by thrift and economy has purchased a comfortable home for herself in Virginia. She has traveled extensively but has returned home for her partner in life.

The wedding will take place in New Mount Baptist Church, at 7 o'clock, in Arlington, Va. The reception at Lone Cedar Cottage from 9 to 12. The happy couple will be at home to their friends in this city at 1139 19th street, N. W., after December 20th.

Mr. Thompson is a striking example of what a young man with energy and pluck can do. By his sterling qualities, his attention to business, his honesty and sobriety, he has won the entire confidence of not only his employers but all with whom he has come in contact during his many years of travel.

THE COLORED AMERICAN extends congratulations and wishes them many years of a happy and useful life.